



Bittner Park is Guilford's largest park and one of its most popular. It contains 15 acres of active recreation area and 126 acres of passive areas. Active area consists of a playground, one lighted softball field, three little league fields, a jogging/walking path, one lighted soccer field, roller sports complex, ice rink, fishing access, rest rooms, concession stand and more. Passive area contains year-round horseback riding trails, jogging trails and acres of woodlands

to hike and walk and cross-country ski. The Bittner Park Trails include many wetland areas and small bridges along the West River. Good hiking shoes are recommended as areas may generally be muddy and especially so during the rainy season. The trail passes through a secessional forest through newer Cedars, a high canopy combination of local deciduous trees (oaks, hickories, maples, and birch), understory shrubs, and intermittent ground cover. Birdwatching opportunities are plentiful. The upland trails also have a seasonal waterfall.

Over the years, the Bittner Park Trails have been installed and maintained by a number of local volunteers in conjunction with the ongoing efforts of local boy scout projects.

A special feature of Bittner Park is the Scott C. Carey Trout Trail. The town of Guilford was assisted by the Hammonasset Chapter of Trout Unlimited in controlling trail erosion and river sedimentation to the West River. This organization also rebuilt a hiking bridge to cross a wetland area to protect this water-shed area. The West River is annually stocked with trout by Department of Environmental Protection. A state fishing license is required for those over 16 years of age.

Photos by Leslie Kane, Town of Guilford



Directions and Parking:

Bittner Park is located on Route 77. The park is a little over 2.5 miles north of Exit 58 off I-95 in Guilford, and 1.5 south of Route 80 from the north. Past the soccer fields is another larger parking area. Trails can be accessed at its north easterly corner.

Permitted Activities:

The passive woodland area of the park contains horse riding trails, jogging trails and acres of woodlands to hike and walk and cross country ski. No mechanized vehicles are permitted.

For more information about this location, contact:

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